

Minutes
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)
Monday, June 30, 2014 5:30PM
City Hall

CALL TO ORDER : Colleen Sullivan-Simrell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. (Roll Call omitted but Present were Colleen Sullivan-Simrell, Seanie Zappendorf, Chris Gaines, Gordon Pirkle, Cindy Elliott, Jeremy Porter, and Keith Stone)

PLEDGE : pledge led by Chris Gaines, Invocation omitted

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA : Motion to approve the June 30th, 2014 meeting agenda by: Chris Gaines/ Gordon Pirkle. Motion carried unanimously in favor.

Business discussed not on agenda : Chair Simrell requested reimbursement of her mileage with the DDA board instead of previously with the City of Dawsonville. Her request with the City has been denied due to her mileage is used working for DDA not the City. Gordon Pirkle stated this is not a practice done ever with DDA and he's been with DDA for a long time. Keith Stone stated we've never done it and can look into it. Chris Gaines reiterated this type of request for reimbursement has never been done before. Chair Simrell withdrew her request. Chris Gaines recommended we table it and discuss. Chair Simrell withdrew her request again.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Prospective Property - Chair Simrell brought real estate purchase information on 436 Academy Avenue, Dawsonville, Ga 30534 propose DDA board vote to purchase property and serve as landlord. Chair Simrell noted Councilwoman Angie Smith is against such purchase and doesn't recommend DDA serve as landlord at this time. Chris Gaines proposed we table this matter to a later time after the current park property purchase in progress is complete and the big 4th of July event. Seanie Zappendorf recommended there should be a business plan with an existing business going in to such property before consideration of purchase.
2. Park Property Update - no new updates by Chair Simrell.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes of June 12,2014 by: Keith Stone / Gordon Pirkle. Motion carried unanimously in favor.
2. Insurance Update - Keith Stone : table to the next meeting
3. 4th of July fireworks –
 - Sheriffs Department: Chair Simrell confirmed 2 officers at 3pm and 4 more at 5pm and she is still working on prison detail clean up for July 5th.
 - Sponsors: Treasurer Seanie Zappendorf spoke of more checks coming from committed sponsors but due to large corporation protocol of check issuance, some may not be received until after 4th of July. Chair Simrell asked those companies names be taken off of sponsorship advertisement. Jeremy Porter recommended we be as generous as we can and please accept verbal agreements of these sponsors and keep their names on current advertisement as sponsors to event.
 - Finances Update : Treasurer Seanie Zappendorf spoke of current balance of 6/30/2014 : \$12,342.59
 - Anthem Singer : no updates

- Band/Music : Noted by Chair Simrell does not want to hire a band for the 4th. Price went from \$2400 to \$2000 by: Keith Stone/ Jeremy Porter. Motion carried unanimously in favor.
- To Do List – golf carts: Chair Simrell dismissed request, coolers for water sales: Gordon Pirkle will provide, volunteers: noted in the news media to sign up at Dawsonville Antiques with Chair Simrell to help with parking, vendors (hot dogs): Noted by Chair Simrell to advise The Classic Catering that sells more than hot dogs not to sell hot dogs because Sample Farm is a vendor coming that sells only hot dogs.

Set Next Meeting Date and Time: Chair Simrell dismissed her presence at 6:01pm for personal matters. Next meeting was not set.

Adjournment : With there being no further business to attend to the called meeting closed and adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously: Gordon Pirkle / Keith Stone

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Colleen Simrell, Chair - resigned since last meeting

Seanie Zappendorf, Secretary-Tres.

Cindy Elliot

Chris Gaines

Gordon Pirkle

Jeremy Porter

Keith Stone
